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Dear Dr. McAllister:

On a pleasant September weekend in 1990, the first Albany Conference on Computational Biology was held at the Rensselaerville Institute in upstate New York. It was organized by the State University of New York at Albany and the Wadsworth Center of the New York State Department of Health, under the auspices of the Nucleic Acid Technologies Foundation. The meeting brought together a group of over 100 scientists and students from around the world to discuss the computational approaches being used in diverse branches of biology, from microscopy and x-ray crystallography to molecular biology. (Many of the speakers and topics at the 1990 meeting are listed on the enclosed poster that was used to announce the 1990 meeting.) The organizers undertook this meeting with high hopes and with some trepidation about whether a group with such seemingly divergent interests would have anything to say to each other. By the end of the first day it was clear that such concerns were unfounded. The meeting became a medium for an exchange of information and ideas among individuals who otherwise might never have met. The participants learned about the most recent developments in computational techniques outside their own fields and, in several cases, laid the groundwork for new projects and collaborations.

As a result of the very positive response of the community of computational biologists to this conference, the theme of the 1992 Albany Conference will again focus on Computational Biology. The meeting will be held on the weekend of October 8 -11 at the Rensselaerville Institute and Conference Center, Rensselaerville, NY. The meeting sessions have not yet been set but it is the intent of the organizers to include the same fields within biology as were represented at the first meeting (e.g. structural and molecular biology) with new focus on such issues as structure data bases and visualization tools.

There was broad representation of researchers from university and industry laboratories at the first meeting and we expect the same to be true in 1992. Several companies, in addition to sending participants, provided important financial support for the meeting. Sponsors of the first meeting included both pharmaceutical companies (such as DuPont, Genentech, Hoffmann-La Roche, SmithKline Beecham, and Upjohn) and computer companies (including BIOSYM Technologies and IntelliGenetics).

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We ask that your company consider becoming a sponsor for the Second Albany Conference on Computational Biology. We are requesting support at the level of \$2500. In return for this, a space at the conference will be reserved for a representative from the Council for Tobacco Research and the registration fee will be waived. Certainly, we would also be pleased to receive smaller contributions. Special recognition will be given in the final program to organizations contributing at the level of \$1,000 or more.

Applications from non-sponsoring companies also are encouraged and, of course, applicants will be selected solely on the basis of their potential scientific contribution to the conference.

Checks (tax deductible) may be made out to *The Albany Conferences* and mailed to *P.O. Box 8836, Albany, New York 12208-0836*. If you need further information or have any questions, please feel free to call us at 518-442-4327.

Your assistance in making the second Albany Conference on Computational Biology as successful as the 1990 meeting is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,



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